

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: DCYF Rules Effective April 26, 2012

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department has amended and repealed the following rules.

These final rules are accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) and through the RI Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Database Search (<http://sos.ri.gov/rules/>).

Amendments

Administrative Review

This amended rule, formerly entitled Foster Care Review, updates processes for independently evaluating the progress of each child in out of home placement toward permanency goals.

Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning

This amended rule reflects requirements of the federal government to address educational stability for children and youth as well as assist youth in obtaining credit reports and correcting any erroneous information.

Clearance of Agency Activity

This amended rule provides clarification of who is required to pay for clearances of agency activity and removes obsolete references to certification. In addition, language was simplified to make the policy more easily accessible.

Educational Stability

This amended rule reflects federal requirements regarding educational stability each time a placement is changed.

**Employment Background Checks:
Facility Operators/Employees and Family Child Care
Operators/Employees**

This amended rule updates processes for securing employment background checks as required by statute.

Transportation Safety

This amended rule updates processes for transporting children and youth in the care of the Department to reflect changes made by the General Assembly as to the use of restraint systems.

Repeal

Comprehensive Emergency Services

This rule is repealed because it is obsolete and provisions of continuing relevance are addressed in the Family Care Community Partnerships Practice Standards.